(ग) वाणिज्यिक कारणों तथा प्रचालनात्मक कठिनाइयों के कारण, इंडियन एयरलाइन्स की इस सेवा को पुन: आरंभ करने की कोई योजना नहीं है ।

औरंगाबाद-भोपाल-खजुराहो तक विमान सेवा शुरू करना

4896. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार द्वारा 1 नवम्बर, 1992 से औरंगाबाद-भोपाल-खजुराहो विमान सेवा शुरू करने के संबंध में कोई घोषणा की गई थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सेवा शुरू की जा सकी है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है और इस सेवा कब तक आरंभ कर दी जाएगी?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) से (ग) जनवरी, 1992 में इंडियन एयरलाइंस ने 1 नवम्बर, 1992 से नागपुर-औरंगाबाद-भोपाल-खजुराहो मार्ग पर सप्ताह में तीन उड़ानें आरंभ करने की योजना की घोषणा की थी, परंतु प्रचालन कर्मीदल की कमी के कारण सेवा आरंभ नहीं की जा सकी । वाणिज्यिक कारणों तथा प्रचालनात्मक कठिनाइयों के कारण इस समय इंडियन एयरलाइंस की यह उड़ान आरंभ करने की कोई योजना नहीं है ।

Tourism Minister's Conference in New Delhi

4897. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether a meeting/conference of Tourism Ministers was held in New Delhi on February 20. 1994;

>*(b)* if so. the details '(hereof;

(c) the details of decisions taken therein: and

(d) the reaction of the Union Government to each of them ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A number of issues were discussed during the Conference, which included development of tourism infrastructure at identified toursist centres, improvement of monuments which are visited by tourists, reduction of luxury tax in the States where it is on the higher side, augmentation of paying guest accommodation and identifying properties for heritage hotels etc.

Air traffic control facilities at airports

4898. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the system under which flights are operating at the airports during monsoons and foggy whether when visibility is poor;

(b) the names of airports where the air traffic control facilities and building are not available and domestic flights are landing daily;

(c) whether there is any proposal to commission air traffic control and VHP/ VOR and other Navigational system at some airports during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Flights during monsoon and foggy weather, then visibility is poor, operate under instrument flight rule conditions.

(to) At all the airports where commercial flights operate, National Airports Authority (NAA) has provided the necessary Air Traffic Services, which include Air Traffic Control, Communication and Navigational aids;

(c) to (e) Upgradation of navigational aids and air traffic services is a continuing process and is •taken up in a phased manner depending upon the requirements projected and resources etc. available;

10 primary and secondary radars will be installed at various airports by the (NAA)

during the 8th Five Year Plan. Besides, NAA have ordered 42 Very High Frequency Omni Range (VOR), 43 Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) and 19 Instrument Landing System (ILS).

Development of Hotel Industry

4899. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI BISHAMBAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the South Pacific Hotel Corporation, the largest Hotel chain in the South Pacific region are planning to build more hotels in India; and

(b) which are the State Capitals that have been identified for developing hotel industry for the purpose of attracting tourists in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Government has approved foriegn collaboration with Southern Pacific Hotel Corporation Limited, Australia for three hotel projects at Lucknow, Goa and New Delhi.

(b) Construction of hotel is mainly a private sector activity. Entrepreneurs are free to build hotel at locations of their choice subject to regulations.

Investment in Hotel Business by NRIs

4900. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that despite various incentives offered to foreign investors there has been little response from NRIs for investment in hotel business in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the investment proposals from NRIs and other foreign investors received for construction of hotels in the country since economic liberalisation moves were launched; and

(c) whether Government have since looked into the problem of lack of response from NRIs, and if so, with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) The Government has approved three NRI proposals for investment of Rs. 47 crores in the hotel sector since the new Economic Policy was launched.

In all 63 proposals for Foreign Investment worth Rs. 721.56 crores have been approved during this period.

Promotion of civil aviation in North East

4901. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken up an ambitious plan for promoting civil aviation in the Eastern and North-Eastern regions of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what will be the share of Bihar in the said plan, with details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) Government has approved a proposal for introduction of helicopter services to be operated by Pawan Hans Ltd. on subsidised basis in the States of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland. Modalities for funding of subsidy have not been finalised.

A statement indicating details of works proposed to be undertaken by National Airports Authority (NAA) at the airports in the Eastern and North-Eastern regions including the state of Bihar is appended.